



1 Corinthians 16

“5 Convictions of a Cross-Shaped Community”

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Paul is writing this letter to the Corinthian church to correct their faulty view of the cross, as well as their anti-gospel behavior. Although Paul is firm and bold, he is filled with grace and love for them.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. (General) What in the message or text particularly challenged or convicted you? What in the message or text particularly encouraged you? How were you drawn to worship Christ?
2. Who is someone you could reach out to this week to care for? How would you do it?
3. Why should we care about both the spiritual and the physical benefit of others?
4. Why is it so important to fellowship weekly with other believers? What struggles do you experience that make that difficult? What did Donald Whitney mean when he said there were certain graces that are unavailable to the christian outside the gathering? How was your view of Sunday worship lifted to something greater?
5. What does it mean to pursue the work of the Lord? How could you devote yourself to the mission of God or to the community of God? What if you resolved to be a refresher of saints, what would change?
6. In your life or in the culture, where do you sense the enemy attacking “the faith.” How do we need to stand firm? Why is community so important in helping us stand firm?
7. What is so comforting with the way Paul closes his letter? If you truly grasped that your life was within a “grace sandwich”, what would change about you or your ministry? How would that impact how you view and treat others? Where might you need to repent?

PRAYER

Pray for one another about matters that came up in the meeting. Pray for missional and discipleship opportunities.